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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: INTRUDER IN AMBASSADOR RESIDENCE GROUNDS

1. AT 035 LOCAL, AUGUST 28 AN INTRUDER WAS APPREHENDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE.
2. THE EMBASSY GUARD ON THE FRONT GATE HAD LEFT THE GATE UNLOCKED AND HAD ABANDONED HIS POST TEMPORARILY. THIS GUARD HAS BEEN TERMINATED.
3. THE INTRUDER ENTERED ONTO THE GROUNDS PAST THE ALGERIAN POLICE SENTRY OUTSIDE THE GATE. AFTER HE HAD ENTERED, HE WAS CHALLENGED BY THE POLICE SENTRY AND RAN. ANOTHER EMBASSY GUARD WHO WAS ON THE PREMISES APPREHENDED THE INTRUDER BEHIND THE RESIDENCE.
4. THE POLICE ARRIVED AT ABOUT 0900 AND TOOK THE MAN AWAY.
5. AT 1000, PSO WENT TO POLICE STATION TO FILE TRASPASSING COMPLAINT. THE POLICE KNEW THE MAN AND DESCRIBED HIM AS MENTALLY ILL. THE PSO "RETRIEVED" THE MAN'S NAME: CHOUKRI, MEGUELATI, AGE 30, ALGERIAN CITIZEN. AFTER FILING THE COMPLAINT, THE POLICE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN.

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6. AFTER LEAVING POLICE STATION, PSO WENT TO STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL AND SPOKE WITH HOSPITAL DIRECTOR. DIRECTOR CONFIRMED SUBJECT HAD A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS OVER PAST FIVE YEARS, HAVING BEEN COMMITTED FOR TREATMENT FOUR TIMES. UPON LEARNING SUBJECT WAS IN POLICE CUSTODY, DIRECTOR INSISTED PSO GO TO POLICE IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE SUBJECT BE BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL

AND NOT RELEASED. UPON QUERY, DIRECTOR ADMITTED THAT SUBJECT COULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO RESIDENCE AGAIN IF RELEASED.

7. PSO RETURNED TO POLIC STATION TO SEEK POLICE ASSURANCE THAT SUBJECT WOULD NOT BE RELEASED AND TO PASS ON REQUEST FROM HOSPITAL. POLICE ADVISED PSO THAT SUBJECT'S MOTHER WAS PRE-SENT AND HAD DOCUMENTS FROM HOSPITAL TO COMMIT SUBJECT FOR TREATMENT. POLICE REQUESTED PSO TO DROP CHARGES WHICH POLICE JUDICIAL SYSTEM COULD DO NOTHING WITH AS LONG AS SUBJECT WAS A COMMITTED PATIENT. PSO AGREED, AND SUBJECT WAS TRANSFERRED TO POLICE VAN AND REMOVED TO HOSPITAL. POLICE ASSURED PSO THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE HANDLED BY COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITIES AND WOULD POSE NO FURTHER PROBLEM. HAYNES

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